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1. FYI DEA PARIS REGIONAL OFFICE HAS BEEN INFORMED BY  
JOHN T. CUSACK, MEMBER OF U.S. DELEGATION, THAT AT 5TH  
SPECIAL SESSION OF UN/CND UNDER AGENDA ITEM 3(A) REVIEW  
OF THE ILLICIT TRAFFIC REPRESENTATIVES OF FRG, FRANCE  
AND THE OBSERVER OF ICPO-INTERPOL MENTIONED TURKEY  
SIGNIFICANTLY IN THEIR STATEMENTS. THIS MAY BE OF  
INTEREST TO EMBASSY ANKARA.

2. THE REP OF FRG REPORTED A SHARP DECLINE IN THE  
TRAFFIC OF SE ASIAN HEROIN THAT HAD BEEN TRANSITING  
GERMANY TO THE NETHERLANDS AND THEN FILTERED BACK TO  
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SUPPLY THE FRG MARKET PRIOR TO MID 1977. THE VOID IN  
AVAILABILITY OF SE ASIAN HEROIN IN FRG HAS BEEN FILLED  
BY HEROIN COMING FROM NEAR AND MIDDLE EAST. DURING LAST  
SIX MONTHS OF 1977 TRAFFIC IN HEROIN HAS SHIFTED FROM  
SE ASIAN HEROIN TO NEAR EAST-MIDDLE EAST TYPE. PRIOR TO  
THIS 76 PERCENT TO 80 PERCENT OF HEROIN FOUND IN FRG  
WAS ASIAN. NOW IT IS ONLY ABOUT 25 PERCENT.

3. ENFORCEMENT SERVICES IN THE FRG HAD HAD SOME SUCCESS IN CUTTING OFF SE ASIAN HEROIN AT KEY CHECKS POINTS AS IT ENTERED FRG BUT TRAFFICKERS FROM NEAR AND MIDDLE EAST ARE ENTERING FRG FROM MANY DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS VIA ALL FORMS OF TRANSPORT MAKING DETECTION PROBLEM MUCH MORE DIFFICULT. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR FRG TO DETERMINE ORIGIN OF OPIUM RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS HEROIN WHETHER FROM PAKISTAN, AFGHANISTAN, OR IRAN. FRG HAS NO EVIDENCE OF DIVERSION IN TURKEY. WHAT IS CERTAIN IS THAT A SHIFT OF HEROIN TRAFFIC TO THE FRG AND BERLIN FROM AMSTERDAM TO A NEAR AND MIDDLE EAST SUPPLY HAS TRANSPIRED.

4. THE FRG IS "FLOODED" WITH CANNABIS. HASHISH IS ORIGINATING IN AFGHANISTAN, PAKISTAN, LEBANON, NEPAL, AND TURKEY. MARIHUANA IS COMING FROM GHANA, NIGERIA AND COLOMBIA. THE TRAFFIC IN CANNABIS AND HEROIN IN FRG HAS BEEN DOMINATED BY TURKISH, IRANIAN, PAKISTANI AND SE ASIAN NATIONALS AND A PARTICULARLY LARGE PART BY TURKISH NATIONALS WHO REPRESENT 55 PERCENT TO 60 PERCENT OF ALL TRAFFICKING ARRESTS.

5. THE REPRESENT OF FRANCE DESCRIBES THE SEIZURE AT MARSEILLE ON FEB. 5, 1978 OF THE FIRST OPERATING HEROIN LABORATORY DISCOVERED IN FRANCE SINCE 1972 AND THE CONFIDENTIAL

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FACT SINCE 1974 NO HEROIN OF FRENCH ORIGIN HAD BEEN SEIZED IN FRANCE OR ELSEWHERE. HE TOLD OF INVESTIGATION WHICH UNCOVERED EFFORTS BY THE PRINCIPALS LONG TERM "FRENCH CONNECTION TYPES" TO RENEW "CONTACTS IN TURKEY FOR MORPHINE BASE". WHILE POLICE ACTION NIPPED THIS LABORATORY IN THE BUD, THE DISTURBING CONCLUSION THAT CAN BE DRAWN FROM THIS CASE IS THAT THE MORPHINE BASE CONNECTION WHICH HAD BEEN CUT OFF SINCE 1974 SEEMS TO HAVE NOW BEEN REESTABLISHED. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR THE TIME BEING TO KNOW IF THIS MORPHINE BASE COMES FROM AN ILLICIT OPIUM PRODUCTION IN TURKEY, IRAN, AFGHANISTAN, PAKISTAN OR FROM LEBANON WHERE CLANDESTINE CULTIVATION OF POPPY HAS BEEN REPORTED. IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS, SEIZURES OF HEROIN FROM THE MIDDLE EAST HAVE BEEN MADE IN SEVERAL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ESPECIALLY IN GERMANY AND ALSO IN THE UNITED STATES. THESE SEIZURES HAVE A TENDENCY TO BECOME MORE FREQUENT AND THEY SHOW WITHOUT DOUBT A GROWING INCREASE OF TRAFFIC FROM THIS REGION. THERE IS A DANGER FOR THE FUTURE AND IT IS DOUBTLESS THAT THE CONSTANT PRESSURE BROUGHT AGAINST FRENCH TRAFFICKERS WILL HAVE TO BE MAINTAINED ESPECIALLY IN THE MARSEILLE REGION WHERE THE HEROIN

TRAFFIC HAS DEEP ROOTS.

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6. THE OBSERVER OF ICPO-INTERPOL REPORTED A SHARP  
DECLINE IN THE AVAILABILITY OF SE ASIAN HEROIN IN THE  
SECOND QUARTER OF 1977. HE ATTRIBUTED THIS TO ENFORCE-  
MENT ACTION IN NORTHERN THAILAND, INCREASED OVERALL  
COOPERATION IN S.E. ASIA, MORE EFFECTIVE EUROPEAN  
COOPERATION AND THE NETHERLANDS EXPULSION OF LARGE  
NUMBERS OF S.E. ASIAN TRAFFICKERS FROM AMSTERDAM. BY  
EARLY SUMMER 1977 THE VACUUM IN S.E. ASIAN HEROIN WAS  
FILLED IN EUROPE BY HEROIN FROM THE MIDDLE EAST. THIS  
AFFECTED THE FRG AND BERLIN BECAME A MAJOR DISTRI-  
BUTION CENTER. KEY TRANSIT POINTS WERE ISTANBUL AND  
OTHER TURKISH CITIES. DURING LAST 5 MONTHS 25 PERCENT  
OF TOTAL HEROIN SEIZED IN EUROPE WAS OF MID-EAST ORIGIN.

7. INTERPOL OBSERVER WENT ON TO SAY THE PRECISE ORIGIN  
OF THE MID-EAST HEROIN HAS YET TO BE DETERMINED. IT  
IS PROBABLY THAT THE OPIUM IS MAINLY PRODUCED IN  
AFGHANISTAN OR THE AFGHAN-PAKISTAN BORDER AREA AND THE  
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OR MEDITERRANEAN. NO EVIDENCE HAS REACHED INTERPOL OF  
ANY LEAKAGE FROM LICIT POPPY CULTIVATION IN TURKEY BUT  
TURKISH NATIONALS ARE HEAVILY INVOLVED IN THE TRAFFIC  
AT LEAST FROM TURKEY TO WESTERN EUROPE.  
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